April 23, 2014

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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal to change the name of the following degree will be an agenda item for the April 30, 2014, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting:

From: Master of Agricultural Leadership (M.A.L.)
To: Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education (M.A.E.E.)

Sincerely,

David E. Shipley, Chair
University Curriculum Committee

cc: Provost Pamela S. Whitten
    Dr. Laura D. Jolly

Committee on Facilities, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, Committee on Statutes, Bylaws, and Committees,
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Human Resources Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, University Libraries Committee, University Promotion and Tenure Appeals Committee
An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution
NAME CHANGE JUSTIFICATION FORM

School/College Name: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Department Name: Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication

Major Name Changes:
Current Major Name:                              Degree    Proposed Major Name:                     Degree

Master of Agricultural Leadership                 Master    Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education    Master

JUSTIFICATION:

The department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication (ALEC) proposes to change the name of the Master of Agricultural Leadership (MAL) to Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education (MAEE).

The name is requested as the department has undergone curriculum changes to reflect new priorities and seeks to align the title of the Master’s degree to better match the focus of the department—preparing graduates to assume careers in agricultural and environmental education professions. The current title, Master of Agricultural Leadership, is a mismatch for our curriculum as the curriculum is more broadly focused on a variety of educational roles (formal, informal, and non-formal) in the context of agricultural and environmental education.

In line with the College’s strategic plan, ALEC has adopted a new motto: Promoting Food, Environmental, and Social Sustainability. Our departmental vision is to empower communities toward food, environmental, and social sustainability through leadership, education, and communication. Our mission is to develop leaders, educators, and communicators to engage in food systems that are environmentally and socially sustainable. We are the educational arm of the College—helping students convey technical knowledge in a way that moves audiences from awareness to action—and seek to reflect this focus in the graduate degree name.
The College of Education supports the name change from the Master of Agricultural Leadership (MAL) to Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education (MAEE).

Let me know if you need anything else.

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